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Herger Hails Passage of Measure to Crack Down on Broadcast Indecency

(WASHINGTON D.C.) -- Congressman Herger today voted for S. 193, the "Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005," which the House passed by a vote of 379 to 35. This measure would increase the maximum fine for each broadcast of obscene or profane language from \$32,500 to \$325,000. Herger had the following reaction after House passage:

"The American people have been rightfully outraged by performances on widely viewed TV broadcasts that have blatantly and without warning violated existing decency standards," Herger stated.

"The infamous Super Bowl 'malfunction' a few years ago and the obscenities frequently heard on public airwaves should not be tolerated," continued Herger. "Parents have a right to know that broadcast decency standards will be followed on TV. This will help them make informed decisions about what programming their children will be allowed to watch.

"The Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act authorizes tough penalties for broadcasters who flout the public's standards of decency. I hope that the looming potential for hefty fines will cause broadcasters to take the steps necessary to prevent irresponsible performers from unleashing profanities over our public airwaves," concluded Herger.

The Senate has already passed S. 193 and President Bush is expected to sign it into law.

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